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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO YI HU RAK AUGUST 29

PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. ROK PRESS AUGUST 29 AND 30 HAS GIVEN MAXIMUM ATTENTION TO YI HU-RAK'S RESPONSE TO KIM YONG CHU'S STATEMENT. ALL PAPERS SPLASHED ACCOUNTS OF AUGUST 29 PRESS CONFERENCE ACROSS FRONT PAGES UNDER HEADLINES QUOTING YI'S DEMAND THAT KIM'S STATEMENT BE RETRACTED. ACCOMPANYING STORIES STRESSED ROK CIA NONINVOLVEMNET IN KIM TAE-CHUNG AFFAIR, ILLOGIC OF NORTH KOREA'S APPARENT ATTEMPT TO BREAK OFF THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE, AND THE DETERMINATION OF THE SOUTH TO KEEP THE DIALOGUE GOING.

2. PRESS HAS SUPPORTED YI'S PORTRAYAL OF THE KIM STATEMENT AS AN IRRESPONSIBLE MOVE, CONCEIVED BY THE NORTH KOREANS IN THE DESPERATION OF AN ERODING INTERNATIONAL POSITION, AND DOOMED TO FALL IN ITS OBVIOUS GOAL OF GAINING POLITICAL PROFIT FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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THE KIM TAE-CHUNG AFFAIR. THAT THE MOVE MIGHT

SUCCEED IN DISRUPTING THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE IS CONCEDED  
AND LAMENTED BY THE PRESS, WHICH NONETHELESS  
DEPICTS THE NORTH AS HAVING NOTHING TO GAIN BY THE  
MANEUVER.

3. EDITORIAL REACTION SEES PYONGYANG'S MOVE AS  
BAFFLING AND INCONSISTENT, A THINLY DISGUISED REVERSION  
TO COLD WAR TACTICS RUNNING COUNTER TO WORLD OPINION  
AND THE MOOD OF DETENTE. LESS ATTENTION IS GIVEN  
TO THE BASIC CHARGE OF CIA COMPLICITY IN THE KIM TAE-  
CHUNG AFFAIR, ALTHOUGH HANKOOK ILBO VENTURES THE OPINION  
THAT THE CIA IS TOO CIRCUMSPECT TO HAVE GOTTEN ITSELF  
INVOLVED. MOST EDITORIALS CALL FOR NORTH KOREA TO  
RECONSIDER AND RESUME THE DIALOGUE.  
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